Municipality are generally given contributions by the Government. For example here there is a wide road—Palathode road—for which Rs. 8,000, I think, has been given by the Government, Do these items also come under the figures shown in the statement?

Mr. President: Mr. C. R. Iyyunni wants to know whether all these amounts represent all the contributions.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): These are the contributions made by the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Rs. 50 per mile is given for maintenance. In the Trichur Municipality the length of the road will be a little more than in Ernakulam or Mattancheri. Therefore more contribution is given to the Trichur Municipality. Along with this the Public Health Department gives a contribution with regard to the pay of the Health Officers.

Mr. President: So it exhausts all the contributions. It is an exhaustive list.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): I mean contributions that have been granted by the Government with regard to the Palathode road.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This is one of the regular contributions made year after year.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): That is not the gist of my question.

Mr. President: What Mr. Iyyunni wants to know is this. In the case of Ernakulam Municipality, Rs. 6,507—9—0 was given as contribution by the Government to the Municipality in 1113. Is this an exhaustive list or is there any other contribution which has not been included in this figure? You should certainly give the information.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Ernakulam*): I may say it is exhaustive.

Mr. President: Whatever be the supplementary question, answers should be forthcoming.

CHITTUR MUNICIPALITY—LOCATION OF TOLLS, ETC.

227. **Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon** (*Ernakulam-Women*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(*a*) the number of toll-gates located at the limits of the Chittur Municipality;

(*b*) how many of them are under the P. W. D. and how many are under the Municipality;

(*c*) are the Government aware that tolls are collected for vehicles coming in and going out of the Municipality?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six.

(*b*) All are under the control of the Revenue Department.

(*c*) Toll is collected only once in a day at any one of the toll-gates in respect of a vehicle coming in or going out of the Municipality.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: അന്നു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നു പുറത്തുപോകുന്നതിനു മുകം വേണ്ടിയിരുന്നില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ അതുവേണം.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I speak subject to verification.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): I myself have paid during last month.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There used to be the same custom in British India. When a vehicle comes into the Town, half of the toll collected is taken by the Municipality and half by the District Board. Such a system does not fit in with the conditions here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): If the Diwan Peishkar is convinced that the amount has been collected, may I know what he will do with the excess collection?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The usual thing will be done if it is not warranted by the rules.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (*Ernakulam-Women*): Is it the usual practice in all the Municipalities to collect tolls for all the vehicles coming in and going out of the Municipality?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is collected only once—only in those coming into the Municipality.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether this practice obtains in Trichur Municipality or any other Municipality, when going out of the Municipality?

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Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): What is the peculiarity with regard to the Chittur Municipality?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We have to make some arrangement for dividing the toll revenue between the Tattamangalam and Chittur Municipalities and hence this arrangement had to be resorted to.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): The practice obtaining was to collect tolls only on vehicles coming into the Municipality. Now the practice has been changed and tolls are levied for vehicles going out of the Municipality also. What was the reason for the change?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We have bifurcated the Chittur and Tattamangalam Municipalities, and it is only a practical arrangement.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know the purpose of this arrangement?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know, Sir, whether the collection is made under the powers vested in the Municipality under the Municipal Act?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The toll is now a taluk toll and in a taluk toll any car which goes in and out of that taluk will have to pay tolls. Probably it is under the rules governing the taluk tolls.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is now conducted as a Revenue toll. How the mere fact that the toll revenue is to be divided between two Municipalities does warrant the collection of tolls on vehicles going out and coming in?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I have no information.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I know they are being collected.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I shall look into this.

Mr. President: For the purpose of payment of tolls that ought to be considered as a Town toll.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I quite agree. I shall look into the file.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): I shall suggest one practical difficulty here. Suppose a vehicle is kept in the

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Municipality. It is entitled to get a pass. Those vehicles inside the Municipality and which have taken passes are exempt from payment of tolls. Vehicles going out of the Municipality need not pay tolls. But in this case we have to pay both for coming in and going out.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): It is only vehicles which do not bear passes that are subject to this payment.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): The practice was not to levy any collection on vehicles going out of the Municipality. I now find a change of practice whereby tolls are levied upon vehicles going out of the Municipality.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Within the Municipality they are all licensed. This affects only to vehicles going from Chittur. They have to pay one taluk toll, and probably they are also compelled to pay the toll on the ground that it is a separate revenue toll. I shall look into that matter.

KARIKKAD VILLAGE—GRAZING GROUNDS—ASSIGNMENT OF.

228. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the application for assignment of the grazing ground in Karikkad village, Talappalli taluk, against which the member for Kunnamkulam protested in the budget session on 21st July 1938, has been rejected by the Diwan Peishkar;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to assign the reason for keeping the matter pending?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) There was no necessity to consider the application at all, since it was withdrawn by the applicant.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

CHOWWARA FERRY ROAD—STEEP CONDITION OF.

229. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of accidents that have occurred to vehicles and people travelling in vehicles at Chowwara ferry, owing to the steep condition of the road;

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